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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO KISSINGER-YASUKAWA MEETING APRIL 23

1. ALL JAPANESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES GAVE
PROMINENT COVERAGE APRIL 24 AND 25 TO REPORTS FROM
WASHINGTON OF SECRETARY'S MEETING ON APRIL 23 WITH
AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA. MOST PAPERS ALSO CARRIED
PHOTOGRAPH OF PRINCIPALS IN FRIENDLY CONVERSATION.
REPORTS ALL DERIVE FROM YASUKAWA'S PRESS BRIEFING
FOLLOWING THE MEETING, AND FOCUSSED ON THREE
KEY ISSUES: JAPAN-CHINA CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT,
SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

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2. ON CIVAIR AGREEMENT, REPORTS SAID THAT YASUKAWA

EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF AGREEMENT AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING NEGOTIATION, INCLUDING REACTIONS OF GRC. REPORTS STATE THAT YASUKAWA THEN SOUGHT US VIEWS BUT THAT SECRETARY OFFERED NO COMMENT. YASUKAWA SAID THAT GOJ DID NOT ASK FOR USG GOOD OFFICES TO ASSIST IN RESTORATION OF CIVILIAN LINK WITH TAIWAN. TOKYO SHINBUN SPECULATED THAT SECRETARY'S "SILENCE" REFLECTED USG "SENSE OF DISPLEASURE" OVER WORSENING OF JAPAN-TAIWAN RELATIONS.

3. REPORTS STATED THAT YASUKAWA DESCRIBED RECENT PROGRESS IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND USSR ON SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT. SECRETARY REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT WHILE THERE IS NO CHANGE IN BASIC POSTURE OF USG CONCERNING COOPERATION IN SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT, UNTIL ISSUES RELATED TO POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL BAN ON EXIMBANK CREDITS TO USSR ARE RESOLVED, USG CANNOT EMBARK ON QTE COOPERATIVE FINANCING UNQTE WITH JAPAN. SANKEI SHINBUN WENT ON TO QUOTE FONOFF SOURCE TO EFFECT AHT IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY THAT USG COOPERATION IS DEFINITELY IMPOSSIBLE, AND THEREFORE GOJ WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS SIBERIAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON PREMISE OF US PARTICIPATION. NEVERTHELESS, SANKEI INTERPRETS SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS TO MEAN THAT US COOPERATION AT PRESENT STAGE IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE, AND IN VIEW OF THIS FON MIN OHIRA WILL SOUND OUT "REAL INTENTIONS" OF USG IN MEETING WITH SECRETARY IN NEW YORK ON MAY 21 (SIC). SANKEI GOES ON TO SAY THAT IF OHIRA CONFIRMS INABILITY OF US TO PARTICIPATE, JAPAN WILL INFORM USSR THAT IT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT OF TYUMEN OIL FIELDS, AND THAT YAKUTSK GAS PROJECT MAY ALSO BE UPSET.

4. NEWSPAPERS DEVOTED MUCH LESS ATTENTION TO DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES THAN TO OTHER TWO SUBJECTS, BUT QUOTED YASUKAWA AS STATING THAT USG WILL NOT PURSUE THIS SUBJECT BUT WAIT FOR EUROPEANS TO MAKE NEXT MOVE. YASUKAWA ADDED THAT SIMILAR DECLARATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND US HAS ALSO BEEN SHELVED.

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